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Dear General:

Shortly after I received your letter, [redacted] called STATOTHR me on the telephone and explained his situation on the call to active service. I have sent the letter and a note on his active duty orders to Allen Dulles. Apparently he is willing to serve either in uniform or as a civilian and if there is any interest in Mr. Dulles' office, he will probably come down to see us soon.

I have sent [redacted] letter to Personnel asking STATOTHR them to check on his OSS record and, if so, see if we want to have him transferred.

This morning [redacted] came in to see me, and after STATOTHR a short talk I took him over to see [redacted]. We are a little 25X1A puzzled as to what he really wants to do, but before turning him over to the Liaison Staff in the Pentagon for General Eisenhower's quarters, we are passing him on down to see if we have an assignment for him.

Incidentally, you have from time to time asked me whether we still have some of the girls who did such good work for OSS. A few stayed on and I am pleased to see that in recent weeks several have returned to work with us. I was also very pleased to get an announcement yesterday of the marriage of [redacted] to a man named [redacted]. She was a very pretty young girl who came to Caserta in 1944 and, unfortunately, contracted polio just after she left Genoa in 1945. We took the case up with the Compensation Commission which had, up to that time, never even accepted a polio case for consideration. After considerable research, we were able to amass evidence to show that polio was at that time endemic in the Genoa area and that a person assigned there stood more chance of contracting it than in normal assignments. On the basis of this, the Commission accepted Nancy's case

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and sent her to Warm Springs and provided subsequent medical treatment. She has not recovered and still uses canes, but she has always remained pretty and gay and all her friends I know are delighted that she is now married.

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There is a bare possibility that I may come to New York for a day sometime soon in connection with a claim that [redacted] is handling for a manufacturer. If so, I shall give you a call.

Sincerely yours,

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General Counsel